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FOLLOWING IS VERBATIM EXTRACT TAKEN FROM AUDIO TAPE OF
PRESIDENT MARCOS'S COMMENTS ON BASES DURING ADDRESS TO
FINANCIAL TIMES CONFERENCE JULY 7. BEGIN QUOTE:

WITHOUT COMPROMISING OUR TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND SELF-
RESPECT, THERE SHOULD NOW BE A CONSCIOUS EFFORT TO
SUPPORT AMERICA'S EFFORT TO MAINTAIN HERSELF AS A
PACIFIC POWER. BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT, WE'RE NOW READY TO
ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES ON
OUR MUTUAL DEFENSE PACT, THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE PACT
AND THE MILITARY BASES AGREEMENT. THE WORD IS OUT AND
I CONFIRM IT BEFORE YOU TODAY THAT WE WANT TO PUT AN
END TO THE PRACTICE OF EXTRA-TERRITORIALITY IN OUR
COUNTRY, IN KEEPING WITH OUR DIGNITY AS SOVEREIGN
REPUBLIC AND IN KEEPING WITH THE DEVELOPMNET OF OUR
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TIMES, WE WANT TO ASSUME CONTROL OF ALL THESE BASES

AND PUT THEM TO A PRODUCTIVE, ECONOMIC AS WELL AS
MILITARY USE. AT THE SAME TIME, WE ARE WILLING TO ENTER
INTO NEW ARRANGEMENTS THAT WOULD HELP THE UNITED STATES
MAINTAIN AN EFFECTIVE PRESENCE OVER THE AIR AND SEA
LANES OF THE WESTERN PACIFIC. HERE, OUR POSITION IS IN
FULL ACCORD WITH THE ASPIRATION OF ALL ASIAN PEOPLES.
HAVING NEVER DEPENDED ON FOREIGN TROOPS TO FIGHT OUR
BATTLES, AND HAVING ADOPTED THE POLICY THAT IN MEETING
THE THREATS TO OUR INTERNAL STABILITY, WE HAVE ALWAYS
REFUSED TO ALLOW FOREIGN TROOPS TO FIGHT IN OUR TERRITORY -
AS NOTE THE EFFORTS OF THE 1950'S AGAINST THE FULL-BLOWN
IDEOLOGICAL REBELLION. TODAY, THEREFORE, THERE REMAINS NO
REASON WHY FOREIGN TROOPS SHOULD REMAIN IN OUR SOIL AFTER
500 LONG YEARS. BUT HAVING NEVER BEEN KNOWN AS A WORTHLESS
ALLY, THERE IS NO REASON WHY WE SHOULD DENY THOSE FACILITIES
WHICH OUR HISTORICAL ALLY MIGHT, OR MUST, NEED IN FULFILLING
ITS ASSIGNED ROLE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE IN THE
REGION. END QUOTE.
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